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1. PRIOR TO SRSC MEETING 2 JUNE, MISOFF HAD LENGTHY
TALK WITH ACTING CHAIRMAN OF SRSC, AMBASSADOR JAIPAL OF
INDIA. JAIPAL, WHO WAS MOST HELPFUL IN SECURITY COUNCIL
(SC) NEGOTIATIONS LEADING UP TO THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
409, REFTEL, VOLUNTEERED TO MISOFF THAT HE WAS WELL AWARE
OF CONTINUING SOVIET FIXATION WITH ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS
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AGAINST RHODESIA UNDER ARTICLE 41 OF THE CHARTER AND
SOVIET DISTASTE FOR HAVING ANY DISCUSSION OF THE MANY
CASES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. HE SAID HE HAD HAD ENOUGH AND
INTENDED TO PUT THE SOVIETS IN THEIR PLACE. HE SAID HE
WOULD RULE AS THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE SRSC THAT MORE
THAN ENOUGH TIME HAD ALREADY BEEN SPENT IN DISCUSSING
GENERAL SUBJECTS AND THAT THE NEXT FOUR MEETINGS OF THE

COMMITTEE WOULD BE SPENT ON CASES. MISOFF, AT JAIPAL'S REQUEST, ORCHESTRATED THE OTHER FOUR WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO LOW-KEY OUR COMMENTS ON THE THREE SOVIET PROPOSALS ON THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE:

(A) PREPARATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE FACT-SHEET RELATING TO OVERT VIOLATIONS OF SANCTIONS (S/AC.15/WP.256/ADD.1, PARA 3)

(B) GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING SPECIFIC CASES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO COUNTRIES RECEIVING 20 OR MORE NOTES (S/AC.15/WP/256/ADD.1, PARA 4)

(C) EXTENSION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

THIS WE ALL DID, AND THE CHAIRMAN RULED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THESE PROPOSALS WOULD BE PUT OFF AT LEAST UNTIL FOUR MEETINGS HAD BEEN HELD ON CASES. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, MISOFF THANKED JAIPAL FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS HOPED THAT WITHIN A MONTH OR POSSIBLY MORE, WE WOULD HAVE SOME PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA, THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMITTEE. JAIPAL COMMENTED, "YOU MUST BE MORE FORTHCOMING THAN IN THE PAST, AS THIS WAS THE SENSE BEHIND THE CONSENSUS ON RESOLUTION 409". MISOFF AGREED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF HIS CONCERN AND IN TURN VOLUNTEERED TO ALSO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF JAIPAL'S UNDERSTANDING AND ACTIVE ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE COMMITTEE OFF ITS CURRENT SOVIET-LED PROPAGANDA STANCE.

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2. SRSC CLOSED CASE 113 (ANHYDROUS AMMONIA-"CYPRESS" AND "ISFONN"), ASKED JAIPAL TO TALK FURTHER WITH AUSTRIAN PERM REP ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES ON CASE 171 (RHODESIAN IRON AND STEEL COMPANY (RISCO), ASKED JAIPAL AT HIS SUGGESTION TO DEMARCHE THE SWISS OBSERVER ON THEIR TRADE WITH SOUTHERN RHODESIA IN GENERAL AND IN SPECIFIC ON CASE 214 (SWISS TRADE AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA) AND CLOSED CASE 273 (RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES FOR SOUTHERN RHODESIA).

3. AT THE END OF THE MEETING UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, THE SOVIETS MADE A STRONG ANTI-WESTERN STATEMENT, CALLING ON THE SRSC TO IMMEDIATELY CONCENTRATE ALL ITS EFFORTS ON THE APPLICATION OF FURTHER MEASURES UNDER ARTICLE 41 (PER PARAGRAPH 3 OF RESOLUTION 409). JAIPAL SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AND WOULD AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING ON 9 JUNE SET FORTH HIS SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THE COMMITTEE SHOULD PROCEED ON THE SOVIET

PROPOSAL.

4. COMMENT: CLEARLY THE SRSC MUST SHORTLY ACCEPT THE INVITATION IN RESOLUTION 409 TO BEGIN ITS DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS. WE CAN NO LONGER STONEWALL THE COMMITTEE OR USE FURTHER DELAYING TACTICS WITHOUT THE WESTERN MEMBERS LOSING CREDIBILITY. THE COMMITTEE CAN PROBABLY ADHERE TO THE AGREEMENT TO HAVE THE NEXT FOUR MEETINGS ON CASES. HOWEVER, EARLY IN JULY, WE MUST FACE THE ISSUE AND BEGIN A DISCUSSION ON ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE CURRENT US/UK CONSULTATIONS IN THIS AREA WILL BE FAR ENOUGH ADVANCED SO THAT A COORDINATED "GANG OF FIVE" POSITION CAN BE PUT FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE IN JULY. IF WE DO NOT HAVE PROPOSALS TO PUT FORWARD WHICH ARE AT LEAST PALATABLE TO THE AFRICANS, THE COMMITTEE WILL ONCE AGAIN REDUCE ITSELF TO A PURELY POLITICAL DEBATING FORUM.
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